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Description: ff. ii + 662 + ii - Nineteenth century. Half bound in purple calfskin with watered cloth sides. "Lectionary. Greek MS. Mt. Athos 1555" on spine. - Library of Constantine Simonides; his sale to Sir Thomas Phillipps (no. 13864). Purchased from L. C. Witten with funds from the Jacob Ziskind Charitable Trust in 1957. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, MS 251.

Notes: -Manuscript on paper (sturdy). Pages 9-1315 contain Sermons and Lives of Saints for March 25 through August 29. The manuscript is composed of three parts; the second two serve to complete a text that was either unfinished or damaged.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Greek *Country:* Greece *Century:* 16th

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Part 1:

Description: - paper - anchor within a circle and surmounted by a six-pointed star, all three parts with assorted countermarks. - 317 x 210 mm.

Country: Greece

Cardinal point:

Region: Mount Athos

City:

Assigned Date: 1585, 1651.

Searchable Date Range: 1585 - 1651

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Part I (pp. 1-1315, skips 399): Executed by a single scribe in large bold minuscule. The scribe of Part II notes on p. 1315 that this portion was completed by Cyrillus in 1585 at the monastery of St. Simon Petras, with the subvention of Constantinus. Cyrillus' own signature occurs on p. 1323. Part II (pp. 1315-323): Written by a single scribe in a smaller, more calligraphic minuscule than Part I. Part III (pp. 1324-1334): Executed by a single scribe who signed and dated the section on p. 1334: Ioasaph, 15 January 1651.

Notes: Part I: Intricate headpiece of vine-tendrils within rectangular blocks, outlined in black and filled with red, yellow, and pale gold (p. 9). Large initials, 10- to 8- line, of similar design and colors, appear for each new text together with narrow headpieces. Some instructions for the rubricator remain along upper and lower edges. Part II: Simple headpiece in black and red (p. 1316); one ornamental initial, 5-line, sprouting floral motifs on same page, in red. 2-line initials in gold. Part III: Headpiece of plaited design, in red and burnt orange (p. 1324); single decorative initial, 9-line, at beginning of text. Binding: Nineteenth century. Half bound in purple calfskin with watered cloth sides. "Lectionary. Greek MS. Mt. Athos 1555" on spine.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Title: Sermons; Lives of saints.

Subjects: Orthodoxos Ekklēsia tēs Hellados.; Christian hagiography.; Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Monasticism and religious orders.; Sermons--Early works to 1800.; Athos (Greece);

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